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SUBJECT: BDG FINANCE MINISTER JOINS ATTACK ON UNITED STATES

REF: DACCA 2144 AND 2184

1. FINANCE MINISTER A.R. MALLICK HAS NOW JOINED THE CHORUS OF VIRTUALLY UNDISGUISED ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF RECENT EVENTS IN VIETNAM, STATING TO A SEMINAR HELD HERE YESTERDAY TO OBSERVE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF HITLERITE FASCISM THAT "THE LIBERATION OF BANGLADESH IN 1971 AND THE RECENT DEFEAT OF IMPERIALISM IN VIETNAM WOULD REMAIN AS A CHAPTER OF PRIDE IN THE HISTORY OF MAN'S STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM AND COLONIALISM." MALLICK REPORTEDLY ADDED HIS HOPE "THAT THE REMAINING BASES OF IMPERIALISM WOULD SOON BE ERADICATED FROM THE WORLD." MALLICK'S ADDRESS IS FRONT-PAGED IN TODAY'S BANGLADESH OBSERVER UNDER HEADLINE "IMPERIALISTS WILL SOON LOSE BASES - MALLICK." THESE ARTICLES INDICATE THAT THE SPEECH WAS READ FOR MALLICK WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND PERSONALLY BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF WORK.

2. MALLICK'S ATTACK IS ALL THE MORE SURPRISING AS I HAD A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH HIM AT DINNER SATURDAY

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NIGHT DURING WHICH I EXPRESSED MY CONCERN AND SURPRISE

AT RECENT STATEMENTS HERE ABOUT U.S. IMPERIALISM. WHILE
HE DEFTLY CHANGED THE SUBJECT, HE COULD NOT HAVE FAILED
TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I WAS SAYING.

3. I HAD ASKED EARLIER THIS WEEK TO SEE THE FOREIGN
SECRETARY (FOREIGN MINISTER HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING
RECENT STATEMENTS AND HE IS GOING TO SEE ME TOMORROW
(MAY 9).
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